

What is claimed is:

1. A method of defect management for a write-once optical recording medium having a plurality of temporary defect management areas, the method comprising a step of recording disc definition structure information in at least one of the plurality of temporary defect management areas, wherein the disc definition structure information includes continuously updated defect management information and locator information for accessing the continuously updated defect management information.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locator information corresponds to one of the plurality of temporary defect management areas.

3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locator information corresponds to each of the plurality of temporary defect management areas.

4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the number of temporary defect management areas is two.

5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of temporary defect management areas includes a first temporary defect management area for recording the continuously updated disc management information during a recording session and a second temporary defect management area for recording the continuously updated disc management information upon termination of the recording session.

6. The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the locator information is recorded

in a predetermined area of the recording medium.

7. The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the predetermined area of the recording medium is one of the first and second temporary defect management areas.

8. The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the disc definition structure information further includes a counter having a value that is updated for each recording of the disc definition structure information.

9. The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising a step of performing defect management, wherein, if the highest counter value recorded in the second temporary defect management area is less than the highest counter value recorded in the first temporary defect management area, the defect management is performed immediately following the recording of the continuously updated defect management information of a recording session in the second temporary defect management area.

10. The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising a step of performing defect management, wherein, if the highest counter value recorded in the second temporary defect management area is less than the highest counter value recorded in the first temporary defect management area, the defect management is performed immediately preceding the recording of the continuously updated defect management information of a recording session in the second temporary defect management area.

11. A write-once optical recording medium having a plurality of temporary defect management areas, wherein defect management information is continuously updated and

recorded in at least one of the temporary defect management areas.

12. The write-once optical recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein the continuously updated defect management information is recorded in each temporary defect management area.

13. The write-once optical recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein the plurality of temporary defect management areas includes a first temporary defect management area for recording the continuously updated disc management information during a recording session and a second temporary defect management area for recording the continuously updated disc management information upon termination of the recording session.